

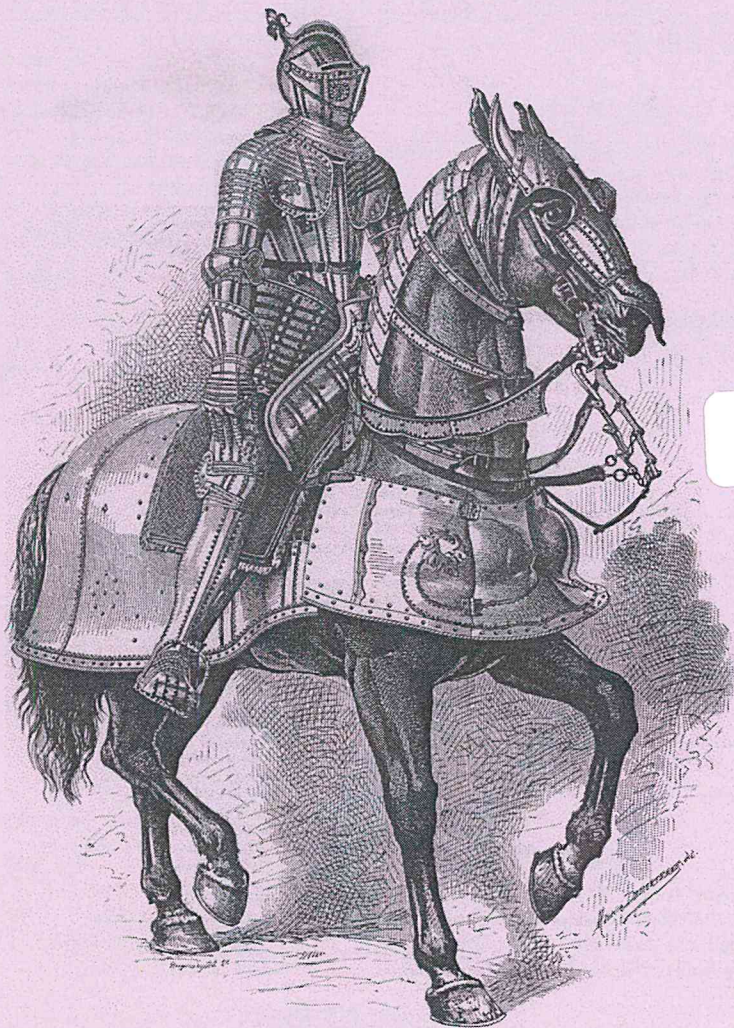


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APRIL

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10	Main Library DEMO
10	Candidates Tea
17	OUTLANDS A&S COMPETITION <i>Caer Galen</i>
24	ROESSELSPRUNG & BARONIAL POLLING**

MAY

1	MAY DAY REVELLS <i>Drygestan</i>
2	AL-BARRAN MAY DAY CELEBRATION**
8-9	OUTLANDS SPRING CORONATION <i>Hawk's Hollow**</i>
15	G.O. Last Clean Up Day
27-31	GRAND OUTLANDISH**

JUNE

4-6	ANNUAL DEFENDER <i>Scorpion's Hollow</i>
18-20	WARLORDS, DEFENDERS AND RANGERS OH MY!

** Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies

*U*nto the Populace of the mighty Barony of al-Barran,
good greetings from Giovanni and Caimnleach.

With the upcoming change in Ruling Nobles, we felt it would be beneficial to communicate our thoughts to you, the populace.

Their Majesties have asked that we conduct the polling and select the next Baron and/or Baroness of your fair Barony because the investiture will fall after the completion of Their Reign. We have accepted Their kind invitation to be an integral part of this process.

We are already working with Their Excellencies, Trevor and Fermina, and Master James David on some of the transition aspects. The Honorable Lord Corbin, Deputy Kingdom Seneschal, will be organizing and running the polling. We will be sitting in state during the polling. We will first meet with Their Excellencies and then with each of the candidates, and finally with your Seneschal. Thereafter, we will meet with any members of the populace who wish to make their comments directly to us.

We greatly value your comments both verbally and on the polling form. We intend to listen to three major 'voices' during our deliberations. First and foremost is the voice of the populace. Second, the voice of Their Excellencies. Third will be Their Majesties.

At this time, the Baronial Investiture is going to be either Saturday evening or Sunday morning at Grand Outlandish. We hope that all members of the Barony will be able to attend this important transition.

In Service,

Giovanni
Crown Prince

Caimnleach
Crown Princess

From the Baron and Baroness

Unto all the good and noble people of al-Barran, do Sir Trevor and the Honorable Lady Fermina send greetings.

Congratulations to Their Royal Highnesses, Giovanni and Cainnleach, on their success at Crown Tournament. It was a beautiful day hosted by the fabulous shire of Gleann Medonach. We enjoyed ourselves immensely.

This past month, our fair barony hosted a largely successful Heralds and Scribes Symposium thanks to the hard work of Maestra Maria Sol de Leon. Many people came from throughout the kingdom to attend the wonderful variety of classes. The luncheon was delicious. Many thanks to Lady Barbara and the College of Blaiddwyn for hosting a ball later that evening.

Sworded Affaire was also a huge success. Thank you Don Govanen and crew for all the hard work. The event was well attended with over two hundred people throughout the day. We were graced by many fabulous teachers from throughout the kingdom and the Knowne World. Dinner was delicious as we were all entertained by the wiles of the mermaid on her swing and bread balls flying through the air. Yo ho!

Please join us on Saturday, April 24th for the first ever jousting tournament in the Knowne World, to be held right here in al-Barran, Rosselsprung! Come witness the valiant steeds as they make their first passes down the barrier! Their Royal Highnesses will be sitting in state and considering the words of the populace as they decide which of the worthy candidates shall become the next Baron and Baroness of al-Barran.

We would remind you that next month is Outlands Coronation in the canton of Hawk's Hollow. His Excellency, Michael of Endrock will be accepting the accolade of Chivalry, and we invite you to come witness the ceremonious event with us.

Sunday, May 2nd, we will be hosting a May Day Celebration at the fighter practice park. We will celebrate music and dancing throughout the day. Please bring any item you wish to sell or trade for an SCA swap meet that same day.

Sir Trevor

Fermina



From the Seneschal

Greetings,

I would like to thank Their Excellencies and THL Stjerne for giving me the opportunity to serve as seneschal of the greatest Barony in the Known World. I would also like to thank Stjerne for his years of hard work and service to this group. I look forward to working with the populace, and moving the Barony forward into the past. If you ever have concerns, or would like to discuss an issue, please feel free to contact me via phone, email, or in person. My information can be found in the front of the Baronial Shaft as well as online.

al-Barran has several major items to deal with in the immediate future. Perhaps the most important is the impending polling that will be used to decide the heirs for Their Excellencies. This will be conducted on April 24th at Rosselsprung. This will be your opportunity to discuss your ideas with Their Highnesses, and give them input about the various candidates. Their Highnesses have indicated they would like to hear from members and non-members alike, so if your membership has lapsed for some reason please do not feel as if you cannot participate in the polling. As you poll, keep in mind Their Highnesses have told me they would be looking more at positive rather than negative comments about candidates. They would much rather hear why you would like a particular candidate as opposed to why you would not like someone else. I will be hosting a candidates tea at my house on April 10th. Details about this can be found elsewhere in this Shaft.

Other items of business that we have upcoming are lots of very fine events. Sworded Affaire, al-Barran May Day Celebration, Rosselsprung, and Grand Outlandish are all fast upon us. If you would like to volunteer for any task at any of these events your help will be greatly appreciated. The old saying that many hands makes light work could never hold more true than where events are concerned. Even an hour or two of your event time can greatly help the coordinators and autocrats a great deal. I would like to thank all the populace in advance for all their hard work on these events.

Yours in Service,

Master James David de Argentias



From the Arts & Sciences Minister

Greeting to all,

Lately I've seen everyone working on Lucet, I thought it might be helpful to publish some web sites that Duchess Leah sent to me.

nwt.a.com/couriers/8-97/lucet.html

rocknbead.com/wshed/guide.htm

listen-up.org/kitty/misc/lucets.htm

avalon.net/~sgilbert/handicraft/lucetdir.htm

midlaurel.com/wsnlinks/index.php?action=displaycat&catid=269

I want to offer a special congratulations to my deputy Lady Skameika Draikovna for being the First Place winner of Gulf Wars XIII's Wool to Whatever Challenge. She handmade a pair of Felted and Embroidered Mongol Boots with Seamless Felt Inserts ON SITE from raw wool in 2 1/2 days.

April is a project report month for my kingdom superiors please email me with a list of things you've completed since December. Remember to put A&S in the subject line or something similar so if it gets caught by one of my filters I can find it.

Coming up in Arts:

Regular activities:

- Gammer Gurton's Needle Mondays 239-3196 for location and subject
 - Singing with Lord Tancred Tuesdays 6:30 268-4994
 - Armor workshops with Master Tore Thursday 6:00-9:00 281-5694
 - Weaving Knowledge and exchange with Lady Monika the Fair 3rd Friday of the month 323-5569
 - Court Dancing and Scorpions Scales Sundays during fighter practice
 - West side Project Schedule—no new schedule
 - Sewing Circle with THL Asha 764-8131
- scheduled sewing dates: April 4th, 18th, May 2nd, 16th

Events :

-April 17th Kingdom A&S Caer Galen (Jeanne-Marie 303-702-3915)

*April 12th deadline for pre-registration for competing

-May 2nd May Day Celebration al-Barran (Barbara 293-1453)

Lots of dancing and dancing competitions

-May 27th-31st Grand Outlandish

see website www.unm.edu/~mariasol/got/

Lots of classes, dancing, bardics, general merriment

Lady Aisha



From the Chronicler

Greetings al-Barran-ians and Blaiddwyn-ians,

Ah, lovely spring, sunny days not so cold, soon summer will be here. So if you have been seeking the chronicler at fighter practice on Sundays fear not, with this wonderful weather I have started regularly showing up again on Sundays. So yes, you can renew your subscriptions or get new subscriptions started, so pass the word around.

As all al-Barran must know by now, the Barony of al-Barran will have a new Baron and Baroness soon. The Baronial Polling will happen at Rosselsprung and the Baronial Investiture will happen at Grand Outlandish. So, where am I leading with all this? Glad you asked...I am seeking some wonderful artwork for the May cover and also for the June cover. Any takers?

Thank you, Michael for another wonderful Pony World cartoon. Wonder who will it be next month? And on that evil thought...

Lady Kathus

From the Webminister

Greetings,

I just wanted to let people know how many times the al-Barran website has been accessed in February. The home page was accessed 1,831 times total overall access for all pages was 23,311 times and the total visits were 3,251 times. The Sworded Affaire page was accessed 48 times and the al-Barran Science Faire was accessed 148 times.

Don't forget Al-Barran's website now has a new home, same address just a bigger space, just think more room for photos of the A&S pieces you have made, photos of events, songs, poems, please contact me about contributing. My contact information is listed on the website or in the chronicler section on the officer's page in the Baronial Shaft.

Lady Melody

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Web Sites

Al-Barran's website: <http://www.al-barran.org>

Outlands' website: <http://www.outlands.org>

Blaiddwyn's website: <http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html>

SCA's website: <http://www.sca.org>

Heralds and Scribes Thank You

Warm and gracious greetings unto all who read these letters,

Another Heralds & Scribes event has come and gone and I want to present and thank the Dream Team that brought this event to you. I apologize for the length of this missive, but many people put in long hours to make this a successful event.

First and foremost to Their Excellencies of al-Barran, Sir Trevor and The Honorable Lady Fermina, who agreed to al-Barran hosting the event even though the barony would be host to another event just a week away. Thank you for your support of this event.

To Mistress Cailte Caitchairn who put on a fabulous spread for both breakfast and lunch at a difficult site. To all her pretty little helpers and cooks who labored countless hours to make the food and all the wonderful heraldic desserts, and those who helped with the food on site. It was quite amazing and delicious.

To Lady Emer who coordinated Gate, and her assistants Her Ladyship Delia the Rose of Thorncastle, Lady Diana of Llanberis and Lyneya de Fildes. Thank you for handling all the gate details, directing people to classes and acting as the contact point for passing along information as needed.

To Lord Gauvain, for doing all the leg work and paper pushing to get us the site and appropriate clearances to hold the event and the use of the Duckpond at UNM; for handling those last minute requests so graciously. You can be my site coordinator anytime!

To Duke Artan macAilin, for coordinating the heavy weapons fighting at the duckpond so that the field heralds could put into practice what they learned in class; to Lady Elisabeau d'Calais and Lord Gilbert for coordinating the light weapons tourney, and to Countess Anne Aliz who ran both lists. To THL Cristobal for teaching the field heraldry class and the on-the-job training opportunity he provided to the newest field heralds of the Outlands.

To THL Tana à l'Esprit Fort for coordinating the Heraldic Garb contest at Heralds & Scribes and later at the Court Dance Ball.

To Countess Anne Aliz who volunteered to be in those places I couldn't be so I could attend to more pressing autocratic issues.

To Duchess Leah Kasmira of Natterhelm for coordinating Crash space and agreeing to handle Lost and Found. I learned some valuable tips I'm tucking away for future use.

To Master Balthazar for spearheading site cleanup, for heralding court for Their Excellencies, and assisting here and there throughout the day.

Baron Thorkell Bjornsson for coordinating reservations and helping with pre-event and post event details, running numerous errands, and for patience beyond that of Job!

To Lord Gere Thorkellson for the awesome site tokens (I think we have another leatherworker in the making), and for running around all day hauling stuff around site, to the duckpond and back again and assisting people up and down stairs when the elevator gave out.

To Lady Danica and Lord Wulfgar for their kind and gracious assistance with the SCA road signs.

To our Kingdom Exchequer, Lady Thyra, for her proactive and speedy assistance that ensured the printing of the scribes handbook so it could be delivered in time for the event. Hola and THANK YOU!!

To THL Jorun ni lochlain for continuing to make the awesome individually handcrafted beads to thank the scribes and ensuring that a new batch arrived at the event.

To Mistress Cailte and Lady Mor for the poem and sonnet in praise of heralds and scribes.

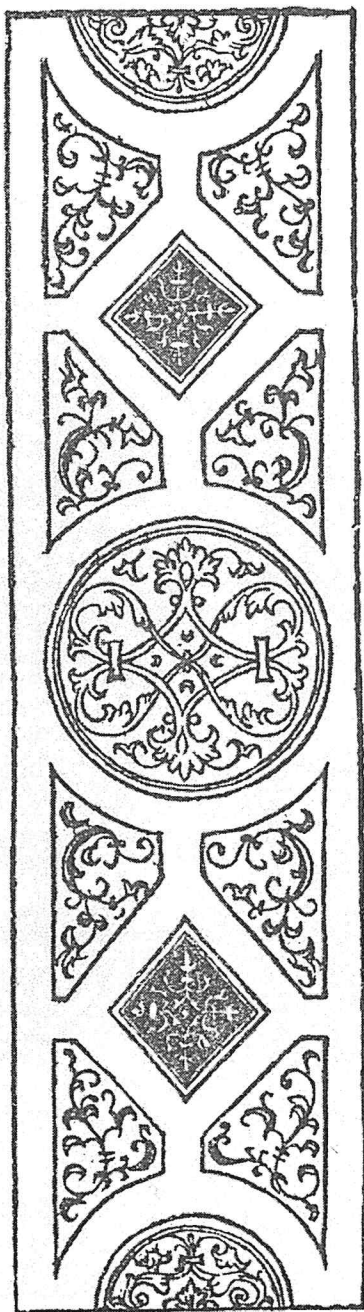
To Mistress Bennet Murray, Mistress Tatiana Pavlovna Sokolova and Lady Sorch macLeod for coordinating the scribal and heraldic classes; To the excellent team of teachers who came from all over the kingdom to share and further the heraldic and scribal knowledge in the Outlands. To the scribal team: Mistress Arwen Southernwood, Mistress Averil du Bois d'Avignon, Mistress Bennet Murray, Mistress Cailte Caitchairn, Mistress Eirene Tzimiskina Kontostephanina, THL Guillaume de Gonzac, THL Gwendolen McIver, Mistress Joella of Blue Lion's Gate, Mistress Monika von Zell, Mistress Rhianwen o Enfys Disberod, Mistress Tatiana Pavlovna Sokolova and Baroness Wyndylyn Leanb na Doinneann. To the heraldic team: Lord Aethelwulf, THL Alia Marie de Blois, Master Balthazar Tegero, THL Cristobal Vasquez de Narriahondo, Lady Jeanne-Marie Dubois, Duchess Kathryn of Iveragh, Lady Katrein Adler, Lady Mor inghen Chathail, Sheik Omar Mohamud Mirzazadeh, THL Pendar the Bard, Lady Sorch macLeod, THL Tana à l'Esprit Fort, Baron Thorkell Bjornsson, and Baroness Wyndylyn Leanb na Doinneann.

To Lord Gauvain and Lady Barbara, The Scorpion Scales and al-Barran Court dancers for putting on the premier Heralds & Scribes Court Dance Ball. I heard it was wonderful and enjoyed by all who attended.

And to all those who traveled from near and far to attend the event and take the classes. I hope you had fun and were able to take some new and exciting things back home with you.

Thank You one and all
Maria Sol de Leon
Event Coordinator





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Regular Activities Listings More information on the regular activities is located on pages 22 & 23. Also check the A&S letter on page 8 for some others.		
4 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing	5 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Project
11 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Equestrian Practice 	12 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Project
18 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing -Equestrian Practice	19 Gammer Gurton's Needle	
25 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing	26 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Project

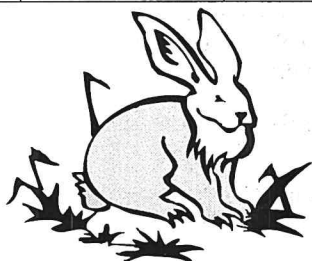
Don't forget the events
the first weekend in May!

May Day Revels in Drygestan
on May 1st
AND
al-Barran May Day Celebration
on May 2nd!

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Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Archery Practice <i>Sworded Affaire</i>
6 -Blaidwyn ect Conclave	7 Blaidwyn Fighter Practice	8	9	10 Equestrian Practice <i>Main Library Demo</i> <i>Candidates TEA</i>
13 -Blaidwyn ect Conclave	14 Blaidwyn Fighter Practice	15	16	17 Archery & Equestrian Practices
20 CITIZEN'S MEETING	21 Blaidwyn Fighter Practice	22	23	24 <i>Rosselsprung & Baronial Polling</i>
27 -Blaidwyn ect Conclave	28 Blaidwyn Fighter Practice	29 	30 	



April Dates

April 1st Fools Day
 April 4th Palm Sunday
 April 5th Passover
 April 5th full moon
 April 11th Easter

May 1st Happy New Year! Anno
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Candidates Tea

There will be a candidates tea held Saturday, April 10th. This will be held from 2:00 - 5:00 at the home of Master James David and Lady Bridget. All the baronial candidates will be there to discuss their platforms and agendas with the populace. Garb is encouraged but optional. Feel free to come by during this time and talk with all the candidates before the polling on the 24th of this month.

The address is 2823 Bel Air Dr. NE. Directions: take your best route to the corner of Carlisle and Claremont. This is the next block north of Carlisle and Menaul. Whataburger is on the NE corner and Wal-Mart is across the street. Turn east on Claremont (away from Wal-Mart) and travel four (4) blocks to Bel Air Dr. There is a large white church on the NE corner. Turn left or north on Bel Air Dr. The house is on the west side of the street about the middle of the block. It is the first two story house you come to on this block.

Main Library Demo

Albuquerque Pubic Main Library, 501 Copper Ave. NW
Corner of 5th street and Copper, downtown 768-5141

April 10, 2004

Set up: 9:00 am

Demo is open to public from 10:00 am-3:00 pm

The Center for the Book is currently featuring a model of Shakespeare's Globe Theater at the Main Library. The Albuquerque Public Library is requesting that the SCA put on demos for A&S, musicians, light fighting and heavy fighting on April 10, 2004. There is plenty of space for tables and areas to be set up which will be supplied by the Library for A&S and musicians. There are 2 large courtyards that will be allocated for light fighters and heavy fighters. We are also in need of marshals and water bearers for the fighting demos. We are requesting volunteers to participate in this demonstration. The Library is very excited about this upcoming demo and may request it as a yearly event if things go well. Please contact one of the Autocrats if you would like to participate.

This is also a book sale Saturday for the Friends of the Library at the Main Library. There are usually 100-150 people that come on these Saturdays for the book sale alone.

We apologize for the short notice, but we were only informed recently ourselves of the opportunity! We are also aware that this conflicts with the second tentative Outlandish cleanup party.

Any and all volunteers will be greatly appreciated!!

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Rosselsprung And Baronial Polling

An Equestrian
High
Tournament



Barony of al-Barran

April 24th, XXXVIII (2004)

Vista Sandia Equestrian Park, Albuquerque, NM

Site Opens at 8:00 am; closes at 6:00 pm

FREE- No Site Fee

Lunch is a donation lunch

Site is dry!

A crash, like that of thunder heralding a spring rainstorm, is heard upon the wind across the Outlands. Our loyal steeds and their riders grow restless, with bits clinking in the stillness, before the opponents surge together to face one another again in the joust.

Let it be known that on the 24th day of the fourth month, being April, that there will be a tournament for equestrians held in the great Barony of al-Barran. This tournament will be held at intermediate and advanced levels only and will incorporate such skill at arms as jousting, mounted combat, and a hastiludes course (tipped weapons), which will include the quintain. Special authorizations are required for mounted combat and jousting. Everyone must be authorized prior to the day of the event. There will be no authorizations at the tournament- NO EXCEPTIONS. Full heraldic barding is strongly encouraged. A limited number of horses are available and it is preferable that a rider practice and compete on the same horse, so reservations and attendance at practice prior to the event are encouraged.

Please refer to the SCA Equestrian Handbook for more information on the 'tipped' weapons games for the hastiludes (javelin, pig sticking, ring tilt and quintain) and for mounted combat. The handbook can be found at <http://www.sca.org/officers/marshal/combat/equestrian/index.html> Contact Lady Dubheasa for horse information and reservations as well as jousting authorization.

So gather your boots and polish your spurs for a grand display of pageantry and skill. Enjoy an afternoon at the German Equestrian High Tournament with blitzperde und donnernde hoves!

SITE DETAILS

This site is a new equestrian park, as there is no potable water on site people will need to bring water to drink. There will be water for the horses. Since the site has little to no shade, please bring your shade pavilions, hats, parasols and sunscreen. Finally, I would love to hang banners everywhere and so if I

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could borrow banners—I am willing to pick them up or whatever! Lunch will be a donation lunch.

Lunch Menu

Plov (Lamb and Garlic Pilaf)

Dolmas

Pita Bread

Fresh and pickled veggies

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!!

For Ground crew and Setup- please contact the autocrat.

Directions: From I-25, go East (toward the mountains) on Paseo Del Norte, then turn right on either Browning or Lowell (both are lights)- From Browning, take an immediate left and follow the park sign to the right into the parking lot. From Lowell, take an immediate right and follow the park sign to the left into the parking lot.

Autocrat and Horse Reservations: Lady Dubheasa Eachinse (Kari Rigg) 505-730-3999 khabaret@comcast.net

Equestrian Marshal in Charge: Lady Laurel O'Rourke (Laurel Elrick) 505-352-0548 lelrick@msn.com

Practice dates until the tournament are:

April 10th, 11th and 17th, 18th starting at 11 am.



May Day Melees

The Shire of Drygestan

May 1, A.S. XXXIX (2004)

Monica Lucero Park, Santa Fe, NM

Site Opens at 10:00 am; Closes at 5:00 pm

Site Fee \$2.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members

Dogs must be on leashes attached to the owner

Site is dry.

No Merchants.

Fighters! Arm yourselves. Back by popular demand the Shire of Drygestan's May Day Melees will once again be held! Bring your heavy weapons; bring your light weapons for a fun filled day of bridge battles, open field, 5 man melee team scenarios and more. Lunch will be included with site fee.

Directions: Monica Lucero Park, 2356 Ave. de Las Campanas, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Make your best way to Cerrillos Road and Rodeo Road. Turn on Rodeo Road heading east to a stop light. Ave. de Las Campanas is a left turn only. Drive a short distant and the park will be on your left, there is a small parking lot, with some parking on the street.

Autocrat's: Marygold Tynker, 505-474-7468, clantynker@juno.com
Renee Nix of Livingstone 505-690-0913, rnix@co.santa-fe.nm.us



al-Barran May Day Celebration

Barony of al-Barran

Bataan Park, NW corner of Lomas & Carlisle
Albuquerque, NM

May 2, A.S. XXXVIII (2004)

Site opens at 9 AM and closes at 5 PM

No site fee and the site is dry



It's May! It's May! The lovely month of May! Come join us in a May Day Celebration at a mini-renaissance faire, hosted by the al-Barran Court Dancers. The day before, May 1st, is also the 39th Anniversary of the Society for Creative Anachronism. So this event will be not only a celebration of the coming of spring and May Day, but also a celebration of our SCA, Outlands and al-Barran history, a honoring of the individuals who have made our barony so rich, a celebration of the performing arts, a welcoming of newcomers, and a special tribute to our children. We promise you a visually rich, fun, heart warming, educational, and magical day!

There will be dancing around two Maypoles, court dancing, middle eastern dancing, drumming, a "May Day Household Dance Competition", singing, story telling, and puppetry. There will also be period games for adults and children, a heavy weapons tourney, a rapier tourney, merchants, a SCA items swap meet (clean out your collection of "SCA items" and bring them to swap, sell, or give away to newcomers and others) and classes for newcomers and others, along with regular fighter practice. We will also be serving lunch and lemonade.

We encourage you to wear your garb to this event and bring your period games, musical instruments, feast gear, pillows, blankets, and chairs to sit on, as there will be lots of entertainment in the Town Square! Please also bring your period pavilions and banners to put around the "town square" and add to your own comfort and the renaissance faire ambiance. We are looking for individuals or households to sponsor and put on a heavy weapons tournament and a rapier tournament. If you are interested in helping with setup at 8am or teardown at 5pm, hosting a tournament, merchanting, entertaining, telling stories, putting on a children's activity or helping with one, putting on a puppet show, telling us about our al-Barran and Outlands history, heralding, or teaching a class, please contact Lady Barbara. All volunteers will be very, very appreciated! We will have special events and classes for newcomers, so this is a wonderful event to invite newcomers, children and your friends to. Come and make merry and contribute your talents and gifts to make this a Magical Day!

Tentative schedule for the "town square" (subject to change) is:

8am setup
9am Maypole and Court Dancing
10am Household Dance Competition
11am Heavy Weapons Tournament
12pm Entertainment and lunch

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- 1pm Classes: Newcomer, al-Barran History, and Other
- 2pm Rapier Tournament
- 3pm Maypole Dancing, Court Dancing, and Entertainment
- 4pm Newcomer and Other Classes
- 5pm Teardown

Throughout the day, there will be adult and children's period games, children's activities, light and heavy weapons fighter practice, shopping at the merchants and "SCA Items Swap Meet", and middle eastern dancing and drumming.

For the May Day Household Dance Competition, there will be six dance categories for adults and youth: court dance, maypole dance, and middle eastern dance. To enter this Household competition, a household does not have to have dancers in each of the six categories and they may have more than one entry in a given category (for example they may have two groups of dancers dancing different dances in the original court dance adult division.) Individuals, not affiliated with a household, may also enter this dance competition. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each dance competition, as well as to the winning household. A sound system that plays CDs and audio tapes will be provided on May 2nd.

The al-Barran Court Dancers, who are sponsoring this Household Dance Competition, will give private court dance lessons to your household at the park on Sundays during fighter practice or elsewhere. We will also make copies of the court dance music (just bring an audio tape to the park) and even help you in selecting court dances for your household dance performing groups of two, three, four, six, eight, members or more. Maypole dance practices will be at fighter practice park on Sundays 3/28, 4/4, 4/18 and 4/25 with maypole practice for everyone, 12:30-2:30 pm. Households may reserve time before or after these times on these dates for working out their own maypole dances. Please contact Lady Barbara, for private dance lessons, and for reserving private time for your Household to practice and work out dances with the maypoles. We also strongly recommend that your maypole dance choreographers attend some of the maypole dance practices, to figure out how the maypole streamers react to different moves by the dancers.

Directions: Take I-40 in Albuquerque to the Carlisle exit. Exit onto Carlisle and go south on Carlisle to Lomas. Turn right (west) at the light onto Lomas and go just past the Walgreen's to Bataan Park.

For further information, go to our website at <http://www.al-Barran.org/mayday04.html>, or contact the autocrat, Lady Barbara (Barbara Kregge) at kregge@aps.edu, 505-293-7453.



Grand Outlandish XXXI

Barony of al-Barran

Torrance County Park

May 27th - 31st A.S. XXXIX (2004)

Site opens at 12:00 on Thursday May 27th

Site fees: \$20.00 Adult (over 15 yr.); \$10.00 Kids (under 15 yr.)
\$55.00 Family cap. All non-members must be sponsored by a paid member and pay an extra \$3.00 surcharge

Get out you summer camping equipment, Grand Outlandish is here. Dust off the Estrella grass, make all your repairs, and plan on a weekend of fun. The event will be at the Torrance County Park - same as last year. Starting on Friday there will be tournaments, such as The Lord of Outlandish, Outlandish Blade, and more. There will also be children's activities starting on Friday. Look for information on the Grand Outlandish Chess Tournament, championship game to be played on Sunday afternoon. Check out the Grand Outlandish web site at www.unm.edu/~mariasol/got/ for more information.

The site is at about 7000 feet (drink a lot of water and use sunscreen) with trees and lots of good camping. Remember there is no water on site, you must bring your own.

May 15th G.O. Cleanup

If you would like to have a fabulous camping spot of your choice, reserved just for you all you have to do is come to the clean up weekends. The last cleanup weekend is scheduled for May 15th. Call the autocrat or deputy-autocrat for more information and weather conditions for the weekend.

Attention merchants!! We are asking for pre-registration for Grand Outlandish. Duchess Kathryn of Iveragh is the coordinator for merchants this year. Any questions or information needed should be directed to her.

Directions: From I-25 and I-40, travel 19.2 miles east on I-40 to exit 187 at Edgewood. Go south 0.2 miles to junction NM333 (Old 66). Go left on NM 333 (Old 66) and travel east 4.4 miles to Lexco Rd. (look for Mountain View Elementary School). Turn Right on Lexco and travel south for 2.4 miles to Martinez (a dirt road). Turn right and travel west on Martinez. Go 2.4 miles and look for a small sign on the left with "Torrance County Park" on it. This sing marks an unnamed road. Turn left on this road and travel south for 0.3 miles to the park.

See you all there!

Autocrat: Mistress Aziza al Kashani (Jennifer Cunico), 1304 Kentucky NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, phone: (505) 256-4568; email: jenopie@worldnet.att.net

Deputy-autocrat: Lord Christobal (Robert Baca), phone: (505) 839-7302; email: abqbobcat@aol.com

Merchant Coordinator: Duchess Kathryn of Iveragh (Kathryn Ballard), phone: (505) 615-9284; email: kballar@unm.edu

Lonely Mountain Defender

Shire of Drygestan

July 15-18, 2004

Site opens Thursday, July 15th at noon.

Closes at 5pm Sunday, July 18th.

Graduation Flats, Forest Road 289, Los Alamos, 87544

Site Fee is \$10 for adult members

(\$ 3 non-member surcharge additional)

\$5 for children ages 6 to 16. Kids 5 and under are free.

The site is wet.

Greetings all good Gentles and be of fine cheer for the great Lonely Mountain Defender draws nigh! Come enjoy the lovely high mountain meadow and days of frivolity, fighting and fun.

Lonely Mountain is at an elevation of approximately 9500 feet. Be prepared for hot afternoons, occasional rains and cold nights. There is no water on site so be sure to bring plenty. Take note that the back road will close at dusk so come early for the best access to campsites.

The Forest Service will set fire restrictions, if any, at the time of the event. Like last year, please stay updated on Forest Service closures and event news on our web site www.drygestan.org. At this time please prepare to use propane lanterns and stoves. The Forest Service has set Camping Restrictions to the meadow side of the road only. See the Troll Gate for details. No Driving on to the Meadow. The site is wet.

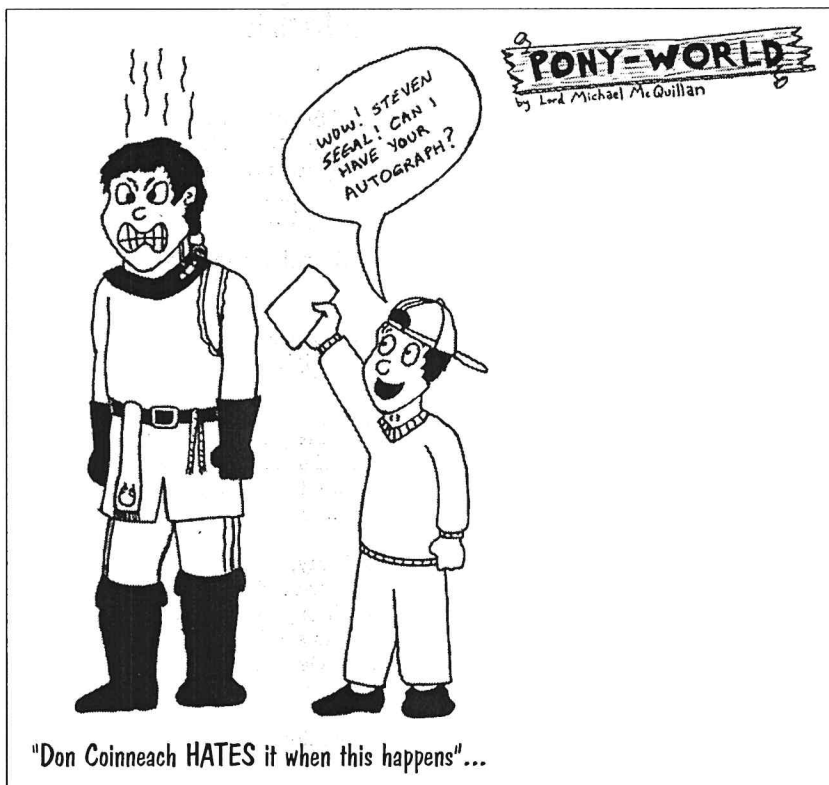
As always, please refrain from cannon fire after midnight.

Directions: Take State Road 502 from 285/84 (at Pojoaque) towards Los Alamos. Take White Rock exit - turn right at first stoplight. Stay straight for many miles through several stoplights on NM4 where the road "T's". Turn right and follow NM4 to Forest Road 289. Turn left and the site is on the right around 4 miles further.

From Albuquerque: Exit I-25 onto Rt. 44 to San Ysidro. Take Route 4 north through Jemez Springs, pass the Caldara (Baca Ranch National Park) and turn right on Forest Road 289. The site is on the right around 4 miles further.

Any questions regarding volunteers, etc. can be directed to the Autocrat: Lord Colin McKenna (Tim Grant) at lordcolinmckenna2003@yahoo.com or (505) 204-1780 or Deputy Autocrat Lady Renee Nix of Livingstone (Renee Nix) at rnix@co.santa-fe.nm.us or (505) 992-3084, 690-0913

Due to current Forest Service restrictions, Lonely Mountain Defender will be unable to host merchants this year.



All-Barran Equestrian Practice

Equestrians Attend! The end of April will see a glorious Equestrian Tournament and the summer will bring many wonderful days of horse play. We have arranged to have horses available for those who wish to prepare for the Tournament, or just want to improve their skills. We will be practicing for Jousting and Mounted Combat. This will be great fun so plan on joining us. Equestrian Practices are on April 10-11, and April 17-18; starting at 11:00 am. For more information, please contact Dubheasa (Kari) at 730-3999 or Aziza at 256-4568.

See you there!

Volunteers Wanted for Children's Activities at G. O.

If you would like to put on a children or youth activity at Grand Outlandish, May 27-30, or help with an activity, please contact Lady Barbara at kreg@aps.edu or 293-7453. We are also looking for a household or individual, who would be willing to put on a "teen's evening event" for the teens, in the youth tent, either Friday or Saturday evening, till about 10 pm.

Gammer Gurton's Needle

LEARN KUMIHIMO—CHINESE BRAIDING

The April meetings for Gammer Gurton's Needle will be held at THL Delia's house (Deborah Meeks-Nixon) Her phone is 232-7946 and address is 5914 Aspen NE, located on the SW corner of San Pedro and Aspen, north of Constitution. This month we will be doing several different projects. Duchess Leah came up with a wonderful idea for improving our donations to the Baronial largesse box. We will be making kits for simple projects. The kits will have all the supplies needed to make lucet cords, armor bag fresheners, coifs, embroidered napkins and other small projects we have done in the past. Members can then choose a take-home project at any time. With tourney season here we will be working on these kits this month. In addition, we will have a guest teacher on Sunday April 18, from 1-3pm, who will be teaching **Kumihimo, Chinese braiding**. There are a limited number of places available for the Sunday instruction day so please contact either of the Gammer Gurton's Needle contacts listed below or Duchess Elisheva who is coordinating this event.

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different threadwork techniques including but not limited to embroidery, laces, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkleloom, cardweaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7 pm. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project. Contacts: Rosamond de Preston at 865-9082, ladyrosamond@abqbooks.com or Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946, HLDelia@aol.com.

Website: <http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/>

"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure." From the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575

Court Dancing Article

Court dance practices are scheduled at fighter practice park (Bataan Park, on Lomas, NW corner of Carlisle & Lomas) for Sundays: 4/4, 4/18, 4/25, and 5/16 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at these free court dance lessons. There will be three hours of court dance lessons at Sworded Affaire on April 3rd. There will also be court dancing, Sunday, May 2nd, at the May Day Celebration. For the latest concerning times and locations of dance or music practices, come and join the al-Barran music & dance list, alBarranMusic_Dance@yahoogroups.com by going to www.yahooogroups.

Dance practice in April at Bataan Park, we will be doing lots of maypole dancing and creating a few maypole dances, in preparation for our "al-Barran May Day Celebration" on May 2nd, please see the event article elsewhere in this issue of the Baronial Shaft. This is an excellent event to invite newcomers to, as we will have newcomer classes, merchants and more. We also need volunteers to put on the rapier tourney and also to put on the heavy weapons tourney. If you would like to entertain on May 2nd, teach a class, or are willing to host either of these tourneys, please contact Lady Barbara at 293-7453 or kreged@aps.edu.

Regular Activities

Fighter Practice Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

Rapier Practice Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Don Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice Held every other Saturday morning starting at 9:30 am over the summer at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Lord Vlad 344-0094.*

Archery Practice Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Citizens Meeting 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at Hayes Middle School Library, 1100 Texas St NE. (This location may be changing in the future) *Contact: Master James David 830-6904*

Court Dance Practice Court dance practices are scheduled at fighter practice (Bataan Park, NW corner of Lomas & Carlisle), 12:30 to 2:30 pm, Sundays, 4/4, 4/18, 4/25 and 5/16. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome to these free court dance practices. For the latest information concerning court dance practices, please contact Lady Barbara at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the al-Barran musicians and court dance list at alBarranMusic_Dance@yahoo.com.

"Scorpion Scales" Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. New musicians are always welcome - non electric instruments preferred. Practices are held Sundays and Mondays. Now that the weather is nice again, Sunday practices are being held at Bataan Park (fighter practice park) at 12 pm. Monday practices are held at the home of Lady Lin Shiao Mei (4517 Sun Valley Drive SW, ABQ) at 7 pm. Check for changes in practice times and locations, as well as download sheet music to practice, at <http://shiao.mei.home.comcast.net/sscales.html> - for further information, please contact Lady Lin Shiao Mei, at shiao_mei@comcast.net or 934-3952.

Singing Practice Singing practice time and day is changing, please check with Tancred. *Contact Lord Tancred for directions, etc. at 268-4994 or by e-mail at tancred@mindspring.com*

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice Practices will be held starting at 11:00 am on Saturdays and Sundays. Practice Dates Are: April 10-11, 17-18. *Please contact the Equestrian Marshal; Lady Dubheasa at 730-3999 or email equestrian@al-barran.org for directions to the site and any other information.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article for current meeting place and monthly focus on the facing page. *Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR Delia the Rose of Thorn-castle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, preserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

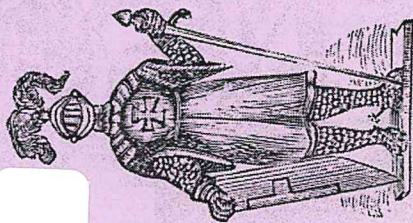
Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

Blaidddwyn Project Conclave Come and join Blaidddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaidddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Emer Fitton 293-1206 or kbutler@salud.unm.edu for days, times and location.*

Blaidddwyn Fighter Practice is held on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm. Fighter practice is now held in front of Carlisle Gym. Directions: Go west from Redondo Rd and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm.

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